

ALL READY FOR WORK.

Changes Wrought in Congress by the Revolution of 1894.

A Startling Transformation—New Members "Fresh From the People"—Patronage for the Lucky. Cuba and the Revenue—The Navy and Rivers and Harbors.

Special Correspondence of the Register.
Washington, November 28.—Once more the biennial agony. A brand new Congress, fresh from the people, is to take the legislative reins. Old clerks and other employees go; old committees are dissolved, and new ones are to take control—for the rest work of Congress nowadays is done in committee rooms—old schemes are as dead as Julius Caesar; scores of members of many terms' service are to be seen no more in the old seats, and the visitor who looks from the gallery upon the Fifty-fourth House will see a most impressive proof that we live in a world of change. The revolution of 1874 was more startling, and those of 1840 and 1842 involved more sudden and radical changes of policy, but as to persons the revolution of 1894 stands without a parallel in our history.

A GREAT TRANSFORMATION.
"Fresh from the people" indeed! Never since the first Congress could that hackneyed phrase be so aptly applied, and even the first Congress had a much larger proportion of men well known and experienced in public affairs than the Fifty-fourth. The transformation from the Fifty-third is startling, and even the Fifty-first, the last Republican Congress, is but slightly represented. Whole State delegations are absolutely new men in every sense of the word. Of the 355 members of the House, 138 were never in Congress before, and 93 were never in a legislative body, even a town council. From Indiana and Illinois especially some of the members were so very young and so very new that the political biographers did not get their record right after the election, and in one case within my knowledge the most that could be urged in favor of the youth was that he was the son of a very brilliant soldier and

and two new ones; Louisiana, five old Democrats and one new one, but one seat is contested. Maine returns her four Republicans, each a leader in his class; Massachusetts, eight of her old Republicans, four new ones and one solitary Democrat, John F. Fitzgerald, the seats of four of the Democrats are contested. Perhaps they had better make it unanimous.

PATRONAGE.

The first thing after swearing in and drawing for seats will be the election of officers pursuant to the choice of the Republican caucus, which is to be held on the 30th. As to the Speakership, it will be merely a ratification of the party choice of Tom Reed, but there are five good paying offices in the House which go to outsiders, and just now the fight for them is extremely vigorous. Of those offices the first by a long distance is the clerk, who ranks with the members, gets \$5,000 a year and has 11 appointments of forty-four subordinates. Besides all this he has once in two years the high honor of making up the roll and presiding in the organization of a new House and then a "bigger man than old Grant," in the language of the lamented Fitzhugh. This function of the clerk is always important, and one in our history was very dangerous. There are two candidates, both members of the Fifty-third House, General Thomas J. Henderson, of Princeton, Ill., and Alexander McDowell, of Sharon, Pa. Of the clerk's forty-four appointments his chief clerk and the disbursing clerk are considered his personal appointments.

Next in rank is the sergeant-at-arms, who gets \$4,500 per year and appoints seven subordinates, and as a matter of course there are several candidates, among whom I have heard most of Captain Thomas McKean, Secretary of the National Congressional Republican Committee. Next is the doorkeeper, who gets \$3,500 and appoints 158 subordinates, but possesses no Texas. This includes fourteen soldiers, who are by special law made permanent. So there can only be an appointment in case of vacancy, and in the past four years there has been but one. He names the thirty-three pages, who are boys not under twelve years of age and get \$2.50 per day each.

The postmaster of the House gets \$2,500 and appoints nineteen subordinates. For many years it has been a question whether the first deputy succeeded to all the rights and powers of the postmaster in case of the latter's death or removal, but the controller has recently decided that in the negative, so there has been no postmaster of the House since the death of Lycurgus M. Deltan last spring. Last of all comes the chaplain, who gets but \$900 a year and appoints nobody. I have been told that the House would this year elect a colored preacher, but I don't believe it.

CUBA AND THE REVENUE.

After complete organization, what subjects will the House tackle first? To this the almost unanimous answer is in two words—Cuba and revenue. It is too soon to forecast as to either. Then Venezuela, the Alaska boundary, the treatment of ex-consul Waller in France, Hawaii and the whole foreign policy of the administration will be overlaid with zeal, if not with ferocity. We are confidently assured that President and Cabinet will be as vigorous on foreign policy as Congress dare be. There will be a big fight for a very great increase in the navy. Ames Cummings, who probably has more interest in that matter than any other Democrat, has declared that \$70,000,000 is the very least we should spend per year, and several other Democrats advocate even more. General Miles wants a bigger army, more coast defenses and a naval militia. In short, both army and navy want more money, a great deal more, and under the circumstances I consider it a certainty that they will get it.

This is the session for the regular river and harbor bill, and it will be a big one. There will be a tremendous pressure made for such of the proposed canals as can be called national works. The regular appropriation bills are a matter of course, and all will be big. We shall have the old Southern claims, 40,000 of them, as usual—J. Milton Best & Co., of Paducah, and all along the shore will bring their usual overwhelming proofs—and of the thousands of claims which have been approved so many times, a few will go through, as many as the House thinks it safe to risk on the eve of a Presidential contest. And is this all? No end of new questions will rise in the course of the session, and there is the ever present and perennial problem of the finance. Oh, there will be plenty of interesting and exciting material—enough to keep Congress until the first of next September, anyhow, and don't you neglect to remember it. J. H. BEADLE.

AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS.

Iron and Steel Workers Anxious About Coke and Ore Prices.

Pittsburg Post.
The metal markets continue torpid, manufacturers and buyers awaiting developments which will give a hint as to what may be expected in the outlook as to prices for ore and coke for next year. Colonel P. H. Moore ("Cold Shot") said last night there was unmistakably a waiting attitude pervading buyers and sellers. "Ore and coke are both expected to develop features which will have an important bearing on the markets, and nobody seems willing to make any important move until something like certainty is apparent." Is this the way he put it. "Consumption is going on at a tremendous pace, and so is production. Prices will change for the better within the next three weeks, by which time stock taking will be over, and the new year's business will be prepared for. Producers are shading off, not desiring to carry a big stock now, and will simply down to absolute needs until they are just where they are at." If the western trade comes into the markets next spring, as all indications point that they must do, we shall have a good opportunity for the satisfaction of the business interests, new investments will be made and money will be plenty for all new enterprises of a permanent character. Much will depend on Congress for several months, and it is sincerely to be hoped that no questions of a character that will disturb commerce will drag along for weeks and months to create uncertainty. Some tariff legislation is probable and necessary; but a general revision of the tariff is unusual for and would be disastrous.



JOHN F. FITZGERALD.
Only Democratic congressman from Massachusetts.
His son, H. M. Well, is the first Governor of the new State. Editor Goodwin, of the Salt Lake Tribune, once so fiercely anti-Mormon, will probably be a Senator, though Colonel Isaac Trumbo, son of another famous anti-Mormon, is his strong rival for the place. In short, the old quarrels are all made up, and Mormon and gentile are pulling together for free silver and a tariff on wool. The women of Utah could not vote this year, but will next year, and I am assured by Utah men that the effect of woman suffrage will be as it has been in Wyoming—to make everything just as it was before only a little more so.

OLD MEN AND NEW.

Great as the changes have been, the refusal to change in some States and districts is equally remarkable. Arkansas returns every member of the last Congress—six Democrats. Alabama sends but three new men out of nine. Republicans, however, are contesting the Fourth and Ninth districts, with confidence of winning. Georgia returns 11 of her 12 Democrats in the Fifty-third House. The Sixth district only makes a change—Charles L. Bradley in place of Thomas B. Cabaniss, who quit on one term. In the Seventh district, however, W. H. Felton, an old Populist hero, contests the seat of John W. Maddox, and in the Tenth Tom Watson comes back again at James C. Black. If Watson gets in, he and Brer Howard of Alabama can be relied upon to furnish the House with a circus.

Iowa returns nine old Republicans

STATE WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE CLUB

Formed at Grafton This Week—A Club Organized at Fairmont—The Movement in West Virginia.

Special to the Register.
Fairmont, W. Va., November 28.—On Monday and Tuesday, in Grafton, a called convention of the women of West Virginia met to form a State Woman's Suffrage Club. About fifty women responded. Miss Mary Garrett Hay and Rev. Henriette Moore, met with the attending women to assist them with their advice and long experience. In the best way to work for the enfranchisement of women. Two letters were read to the club by Miss Hay, one from Miss Susan B. Anthony and the other from Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, both giving words of cheer and welcome to the women of the last Southern State to form a suffrage club, and the last State in the Union, except little Delaware, without a State Woman's Suffrage Club. This last State will, before the closing of this year, have her State woman's suffrage organization also.

A constitution was adopted by the convention and officers chosen as follows: President, Mrs. Jesse Manley, of Fairmont; vice president, Mrs. Harvey Harmer, of Clarksburg; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Annie Caldwell Boyd, of Wheeling; recording secretary, Mrs. L. M. Fay, of New Cumberland; treasurer, Mrs. K. H. DeWoody, of Grafton; auditors, Mrs. Caswell, of Parkersburg, and Mrs. Louise Harden, of Wellsburg. Member of the Executive Committee of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association, Mrs. Annie Caldwell Boyd.

Able and interesting addresses were given during the meeting by different persons. The address of welcome by Mrs. J. B. Thompson, of Grafton, was unusually bright and original, many of her remarks calling smiles from her hearers. Miss Mary G. Hay gave an address on the Need of the Hour, and of course, as she always does, held the closest attention of the audience. In the evening Miss H. Moore, Mr. Harvey Harmer, of Clarksburg, a member of the State Legislature, and Rev. Evans, of Clarksburg, each gave interesting addresses. Mr. Harmer touched the heart of every woman present when, in speaking of his mother, he said if every man had such a mother as he was blessed with, no woman would ask or knock at the door of the Legislature, asking for suffrage in vain. And would any man dare to say that his mother would not and could not cast a vote as intelligently as her son? Mr. Harman said he had been sneered at and ridiculed as belonging to the woman's party, but "that a strong faith in anything raises one above the sense of ridicule."

Thursday's addresses were on woman's suffrage. Does the Wife Need it? by Mrs. M. M. Love, of Grafton. Does the Unmarried Woman Need it? by Miss Shinn, of Clarksburg. Does the Working Woman Need it? by Mrs. Beulah Boyd Ritchie, of Fairmont. Does the Professional Woman Need it? by Dr. Harriett B. Jones, of Wheeling. Does the State Need it? by Rev. H. Moore. Miss Grace Brahm, of Fairmont, the youngest member of the club, gave a young girl's views on the question of suffrage for her sex and why she desired it. Her paper delighted all who heard it. Miss Shinn not being able to be present owing to professional duties, sent her paper to the convention, where it was read by Miss Hay for her. Mrs. Ira Post, of Clarksburg, sent a telegram with greetings to the convention and regret at not being able to be present. Miss Hay and Miss Moore told the convention of their success in the promotion of woman suffrage clubs in West Virginia during this month. Seven Woman's Equal Suffrage clubs have been started, one each at Wheeling, Benwood, Wellsburg, New Cumberland, New Martinsville, Clarksburg and Grafton. In all these places the greatest interest was manifested, but especially the three last places, where the membership is large, in Clarksburg numbering thirty-nine members.

Wednesday evening Rev. Henriette Moore addressed a meeting of the citizens of Fairmont on Woman's Suffrage, in the State Normal School hall. The hall was crowded to hear her, and after her address a Fairmont Woman's Suffrage club was formed. Miss Moore's address aroused the greatest enthusiasm in the cause she represented. Fifty persons, leading citizens of Fairmont, men and women, signed as members of the new club.

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Published the first time November 22, 1895.
GEORGE HOOK, Clerk.
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